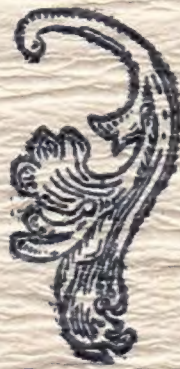


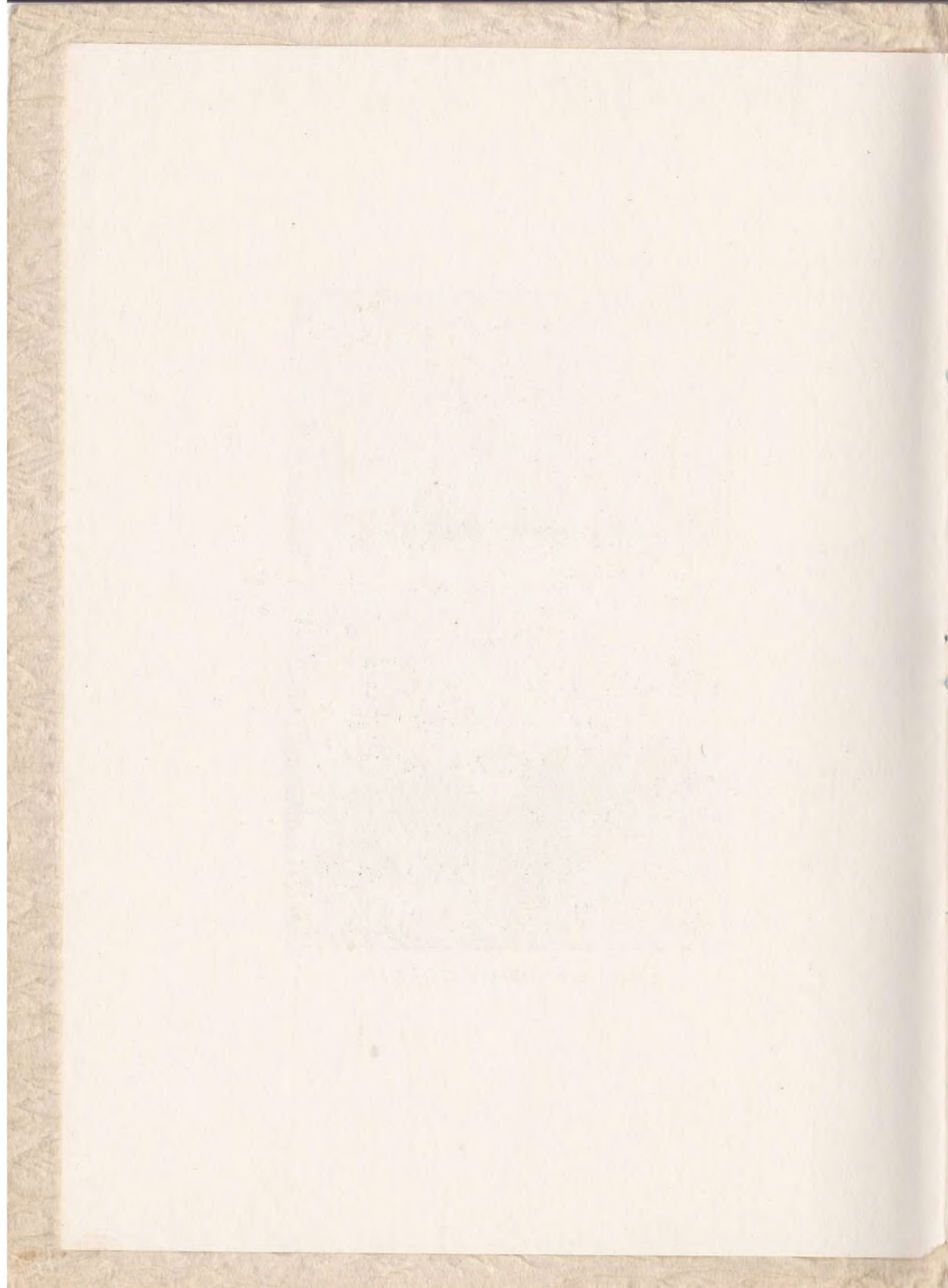
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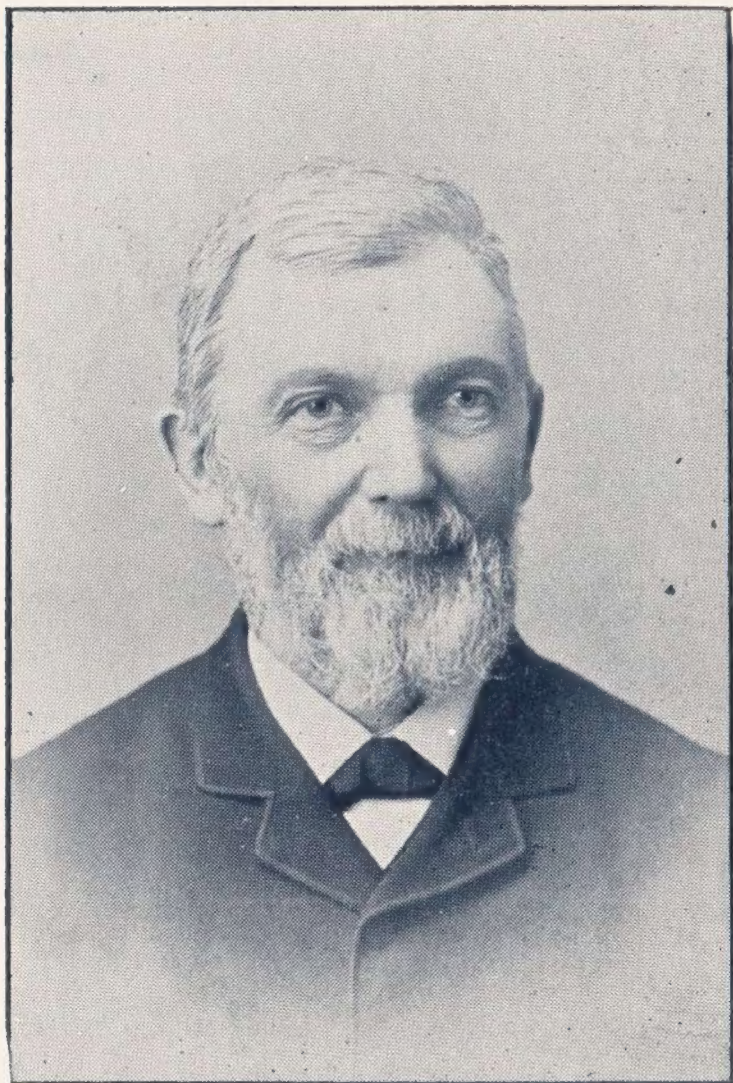


Mr. John Goldie
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THE long, lingering and painful illness from which for so many months, Mr. John Goldie suffered, ended Thursday evening in his death, which occurred at six o'clock at his residence, Forbes St. 1896.

The illness, dating from last September, was caused by a slight operation on the inside of the nose, which unfortunately developed into blood poisoning. It seemed at first but a slight indisposition, but, as the disease progressed, graver symptoms developed, and Mr. Goldie found himself incapacitated for service, and compelled to leave to his life-long partner, Mr. H. McCulloch, and others, the management of the work which under his able and skilful direction, has assumed such immense proportions and become such a large factor in the success of the town. For weeks his death has been anticipated, and for several days has been hourly expected.

Notwithstanding his advanced age, however, his splendid vitality has enabled him to offer

such a resistance to the ravages of the disease, which has been gradually undermining his constitution, as to be an amazement to his physicians. The acute suffering which attended his complaint in its earliest stages, passed away some days ago, and his end was calm and peaceful. He was in the 74th year of his age.

Mr. Goldie was one of the oldest, best known, most worthy and highly respected citizens of Galt, the greater part of his long and useful life having been spent here. His death will be deeply felt throughout the town, to which he was in many ways so great a benefactor; and persons in every section of the province will be partakers in the general sorrow. Probably no other citizen was so widely known and respected, or has aided to a greater extent in the development of the town. He was always ready to do anything that lay in his power to further its interests, and has been instrumental, in many unobtrusive ways in increasing its growth, business and wealth, till now Galt is recognized as one of the greatest

manufacturing centres in the Dominion.

WELL SPENT LIFE.

Mr. Goldie's life was a well-spent, well conducted one, correct, careful, temperate and methodical in all his habits, and it was probably owing to this that up to the time of his last illness, his life had been singularly free from sickness. He was a man of sterling qualities, firm, but not obstinate, in his convictions, energetic and reliable in all his business dealings, and thoroughly honorable in every action of his life. A kind and painstaking master, exerting himself in every way for the improvement of those under him, he was universally esteemed by his employees, old and young, and there is no man in Galt whose death will leave a greater void in the community. He was a Liberal in politics, but his retiring disposition led him to refuse civic and parliamentary positions, though there is no doubt that had his inclinations turned in that direction, the highest honors were within his grasp, and it is admitted by all that he would have graced any position he might have been called on to

fill. However, though he never filled a public office, his position at the head of one of the largest and most successful business firms in Canada, together with his well-known shrewdness and unquestioned probity, enabled him to wield an immense influence in the community, and this he always used for good. Quiet, unassuming and domestic, he concealed what good he did more carefully than many men conceal their ill deeds, and few knew to what length his philanthropy extended.

A CAREFUL STUDENT.

Though most people would suppose that Mr. Goldie's immense business would fully occupy his every moment, he yet found time to devote to less practical pursuits, and his comprehensive mind gave him a ready grasp of whatever subject he turned his attention to. A deep reader, a careful student, an observer of more than ordinary ability, he combined in himself the scholar, the scientist and the man of business.

Mr. Goldie, up till the time he was seized by his last illness, was an enthusiastic and liberal

patron of all outdoor sports. Curling, canoeing and football have received from him most unreserved support, not only from his purse, but also from his presence and active sympathy. He was the esteemed patron of the Galt Curling Club for many years, and held that office at the time of his death.

In the death of Mr. Goldie, the Astronomical Society of Ontario loses a valued member, his investigations and discoveries being always warmly welcomed. He took a deep interest in the science, and had an excellent observatory, fitted with all the latest scientific appliances, for the pursuit of the study, and there spent many an hour pleasantly and profitably.

The Mechanics' Institute of the town will also lose a staunch friend and supporter in Mr. Goldie. Before his illness he generally visited the reading room on Saturday afternoons, and took great interest in the success of an institution calculated to be of so much benefit to the young mechanics of the town, and was always ready to aid it by his presence, voice, and more substantial help when required. He was also

for several years Vice-President of the Hospital Trust, and was one of the most active of the workers to whom the community owe the erection of that noble institution. It was due to his generosity, and that of his respected partner, Mr. McCulloch, that at a critical moment the site was purchased and presented as a gift to the Hospital Trust, and he always continued to take a deep interest in its welfare.

Mr. Goldie was an honored and valued member of the Central Presbyterian church, a consistent Christian, unostentatious, but firm in his belief, and always ready to assist in any worthy project which commended itself to his judgment as calculated to promote the religious or social welfare of his fellowmen. It is needless to say, that his family and friends have the universal sympathy of the community, in the loss of such an affectionate husband and parent, and his long, upright, useful and well spent life is calculated to afford them some consolation in their affliction, for sooner or later each and all must pass through the narrow gates.

“After a while life’s rush shall cease,
This throbbing heart can find release.
After awhile this throbbing brain
Shall rest from sorrow, toil and pain,
After awhile this burdened soul
Shall find in Heaven the long-sought
goal.”

A SKETCH OF HIS LIFE.

Mr. John Goldie was born near the auld toon o’ Ayr,, on the banks of the Doon, Ayrshire, Scotland, in 1822. He was the second son of John and Margaret Goldie, a very worthy couple. His father followed the profession of a botanist, and took every opportunity of instilling into his family such knowledge as would be of use to them in after life. Deceased received what little early educational training he got at the school in Kilroy, a small village near his home. When quite young he was apprenticed to Mr. Jas. McNab, of Old Toll, to learn the trade of millwright. While serving his apprenticeship, the railway between Ayr and Glasgow was built, and Mr. McNab secured the contract for the building of the cars, in the construction of which he was ably assisted by

his young apprentice.

The family came to America in 1844, being preceded, by William, the eldest son, and James, now of Guelph. They came direct to, and settled at Greenfield, near Ayr. John obtained employment from Mr. Geo. Baird, a well-known contractor of Blanford Tp., with whom he worked a little over a year. There not being much work in that neighborhood at that time for one of his trade, he went to Montreal, where he remained for about eighteen months, working as a pattern maker, and then returning went to work as a millwright for the late James Crombie, of Galt. He put in all the machinery in his father's first mill at Greenfield, which was subsequently burned. He and one, Sidney Smith, went into partnership in a saw mill in Esquesing Township, where he remained for several years, returning to Galt in 1859, when he and Mr. Hugh McCulloch formed a partnership and bought out the foundry business of Jas. Crombie.

THE DUMFRIES FOUNDRY.

Then 22 hands were employed, but the

record of the firm of Goldie & McCulloch has been one of steady progress, scarcely a year passing without an addition in building or new lines of machine making being made to their rapidly increasing business until it has assumed the present vast proportions, and is now the largest of its kind in the Dominion. The superiority of the work, the stability, durability and worth, of the machines turned out from the works, is known throughout the whole of America. During these years many workmen trained under his supervision have gone out from the foundry to other places and made names for themselves, the excellence of their work being such that in time, the mere fact of having served in the Goldie & McCulloch Co.'s works, secured their skilled mechanics excellent positions, and there is scarcely a machine shop of note in the country but what you will find that many of those in responsible positions learned their trade in the Dumfries foundry.

In 1891 the business had grown to such an extent that it was deemed best to turn it into a joint stock company, which was done under a

Dominion charter, with a capital stock of \$700,000, the original shareholders being John Goldie, Hugh McCulloch, David Goldie, Hugh McCulloch, jr., and R. O. McCulloch. Since then Mr. A. R. Goldie and other members of the two families have been taken in.

HIS DOMESTIC LIFE.

Mr. Goldie, while residing in Esquesing was married to Elizabeth Alexander, who died in 1869, leaving one son, John, he dying about twelve years ago. In 1870, deceased married a second time, his second wife being Miss Margaret Rodgers, who survives him. To that union there were born two children, a son and a daughter, Alex. R., and Eleanor, both of whom are alive and reside at home, the former having taken the place of his father, as manager of the works. He has also an adopted daughter, Miss Beckie Goldie, who has resided with him for years.

Of his brothers and sisters, originally eight—four boys and four girls—but three are now living: James, the well-known miller, of Guelph; Margaret, wife of the Rev. Principal

Caven, of Knox College, Toronto, and Mary, Mrs. A. McIlwraith, residing in Galt.

THE FUNERAL.

The funeral, which took place on Saturday afternoon, was one of the largest ever seen in Galt, testifying to the general respect held of the deceased gentlemen throughout the country. Many friends were present from a distance, among whom we noticed Messrs. Bertram, J. Somerville, Dundas; R. K. Hope, Thos. McIlwraith, Hamilton; Rev. Principal Caven, J. C. Breckenridge, J. McRae, Dr. J. Caven, W. McLeod, D. T. McNeal, A. J. Johnston, W. McLeod, C. J. and A. J. Rodgers, Toronto; Jas. Anderson, Windsor; D. Maxwell, St. Marys; J. G. Watson, W. D. Watson, Rev. J. S. Hardie, Ayr; W. Weaver, Hespeler, and many others. The employees of the Goldie & McCulloch Co. attended in a body as also did the town council and members of the local curling clubs. The services at the house, which were very simple, but impressive, were conducted by Rev. Dr. Dickson, assisted by Rev. Principal Caven, of Knox College,

Toronto, who is a brother in-law of deceased. At the grave Dr. Dickson officiated. The pall-bearers were six nephews of the deceased gentleman: Messrs. John and George Goldie, Ayr; James Goldie, jr., Guelph; D. McIlwraith, Galt; Mr. Rodgers and Dr. J. Caven, Toronto. During the funeral, the stores and places of business throughout the town were closed out of respect to the honored dead, and the bells on Trinity church and the Town Hall were tolled.

**TOWN COUNCIL PASSES A RESOLUTION
OF CONDOLENCE.**

To Attend Mr. Goldie's Funeral in a Body—Expressions of Regret.

A special meeting of the town council was called on Friday night, for the purpose of arranging to attend, as a council, the funeral of the late Mr. Goldie, and also to pass a resolution expressive of their sorrow at his decease. The members were all present with the exception of Mr. Palmer. The Mayor in the chair.

RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE.

Moved by Mr. A. McAuslan, seconded by Mr. T. McGiverin :—That having learned with deep regret of the decease of John Goldie, Esq., this council desires to place on record an expression of the high esteem in which the deceased gentleman was held by all classes of the community, amongst whom he occupied for so many years, so prominent a position. As a business man and an extensive employer of labor in connection with one of our largest manufacturing enterprises he secured and retained the respect and regard of all with whom he came in contact. As a citizen, he was deeply interested in all that concerned the temporal prosperity and moral well-being of the community. In short, in every station of life he exemplified in a high degree the characteristics of a Christian gentleman.

Whilst the decease of Mr. Goldie will be justly regarded as a serious loss to the town, to his family and immediate friends it will be irreparable. We desire to express to his sorrowing widow and family, on our behalf and

on behalf of the residents of the town, our sincere sympathy with them in their bereavement, while, though not unexpected, will be none the less severely felt by them.

Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be inscribed in the minutes of this council, and an engrossed copy thereof, signed by the Mayor and Clerk be forwarded to Mrs. Goldie.

In moving the resolution, Mr. McAuslan said it was with a deep feeling of sorrow that he did so. It was unnecessary for him to add one further word to convey to the family and friends of the late Mr. Goldie, the deep-felt sympathy of the council and community at large. We had in Mr. Goldie a gentleman of sterling worth as a business man and an enterprising manufacturer. By his death a blank is made in the ranks of the business men of the town which will be hard to fill. He was very much respected by the employees of the establishment, over which he was the ruling spirit, and justly so, for he was a genuinely good and kind master. His general knowledge and great experience in many ways made it a pleas-

ure to go to him for advice ; he was always so interested in what interested others, and when called upon for advice, he gave it with such a willingness that it proved a pleasure to ask, and that advice could always be relied on.

Other members also spoke, expressing their regret at the death of such an esteemed and philanthropic a citizen, and the great loss it would be to the town.

The resolution was put, and carried unanimously, by a standing vote.

TO ATTEND IN A BODY.

Moved by Mr. Buchanan, seconded by Mr. R. Gilholm : —That this council attend the funeral of the late Mr. Goldie in a body, and that the Mayor make all the arrangements.— Carried.

CURLERS EXPRESS THEIR REGRET.

A special meeting of the Galt Curling Club was held at the rink Friday night. It was very largely attended. The following resolution was unanimously passed :

Moved by Mr. Robt. Webster, seconded by

Mr. Robt. Minto, and resolved—That the Galt Curling Club do place on record the high esteem they entertain for their late patron, Mr. John Goldie, and the deep regret with which they learned of his decease. Mr. Goldie has been for years the patron of the Club, and has, in addition to being present at almost all the Club's home games, given tangible evidence of his appreciation of the "grand old game," and by his death, the Galt Curling Club and Galt Curling have lost an enthusiastic and liberal supporter, whose kindly features will be missed by all. And further resolved that this Club do express its sympathy with the widow and family of our late patron, and that a copy of this resolution be engrossed and conveyed to them together with a letter of condolence.

The Club decided to attend the funeral in a body, and also to ask other curlers throughout the town to join them in paying the last mark of respect to one who took such a great interest in the game.

WORDS OF EULOGY

From Rev. Dr. Jackson of Knox Church.

At the morning service Sunday in Knox church, Dr. Jackson, the pastor, referred in fitting and feeling terms to the death of John Goldie, Esq., and of the great loss the town had sustained. He spoke as follows :

“Our whole community is bending with sorrow over the new grave which Saturday received the dust of John Goldie. The body of our honored townsman was laid to rest there with the simple religious rites which so well became his unassuming Christian character. Many feel that they have lost one whose place to them will never be filled, while those who had not the privilege of knowing him, are impressed with a sense of loss in the common bereavement. The modest and unassuming spirit of Mr. Goldie shrank from any parade, and no friend of his would willingly wound his memory by any fulsome eulogy. We cannot add one laurel leaf to his crown. A grand life needs no elaborate commendation, but, as

the masses of his friends, employees and fellow-citizens, with hushed tread, followed all that was mortal of him to its last resting-place in the city of the dead, we would lovingly and reverently speak our simple appreciation of him whose life was a public blessing and an inspiring example. And this is all we aim to do, as his own minister will doubtless speak more in detail of his life and its lessons.

It is not because he was a man of means, who had succeeded in accumulating a fair proportion of this world's goods, that we would speak of him, but rather because the elements of a sterling Christian manhood were writ large in him. No effort was needed to discover the elements which secured his success as a business man, and the affection and esteem of his fellows. And it was with Mr. Goldie, as we believe it always is, there was vastly more of his good qualities beneath the surface of public life than were discovered by those who met him. The iceberg is mostly underneath the water, and thus it drifts with the force of a greater body than is seen, and under the in-

fluence of hidden currents of ocean. The quiet dignity and uniform gracefulness of Mr. Goldie's life can only be understood by the fact that back of his outside and seen life, there were great principles shaping his course and moulding his character.

The partnership between Goldie & McCulloch was formed on the 8th of August, 1859. For more than a third of a century therefore, they have co-operated in building up a business which has been an honor to our town, as it has afforded the means of a comfortable living to many of our people, and indirectly contributed materially to the prosperity of our whole community. The Goldie-McCulloch firm, by intelligence, tact, attention to business, thrift, and will power, have built up a reputation of the very highest character, which has travelled far beyond the boundaries of the Dominion. The interest which the firm always showed in its employees, frequently keeping them employed when trade was dull enough to warrant it in discharging them, enabled the firm to command the services of the very best

workmen.

Mr. Goldie's benevolence, both of spirit and deed, won him the affection and respect of all who knew him, and especially of those in the employ of the firm. His beneficences were known to be extensive, as they were always unobtrusive ; but one who has been in a position to know him better than anyone else, assures me that his helpful giving was vastly greater than even those who knew him well ever suspected. And what a beautiful and simple Christian character he exhibited ! There was no shadow of pretence, no allowance even of well-deserved credit. He was modest and retiring, even to a fault. Of him it might be said, that his left hand never knew what his right hand was doing. One of the simplest of men, he entered with hearty appreciation into the pastimes of the people, and readily and ungrudgingly contributed to the support of every movement likely to benefit the community. He was a man of great will power and independence ; but these were governed by great, good sense. There was no dictating to or co-

ercing Mr. Goldie, and yet it is doubtful if in our whole community, there was a man easier to get along with. Since my coming to Galt I have not known a single instance in which Mr. Goldie's word or example interfered with the even tenor of any movement in the municipality or the church. At the same time, his quiet, dignified and pure life has always exerted a large and healthy influence. For thirty-seven years nearly, the partnership between Goldie & McCulloch has continued, and Mr. McCulloch mentioned incidentally that during all those years there has not been a shadow of a difference between them. Take him all in all, I am sure that those who have had the privilege of knowing him, will agree that the words of Shakespeare of the great Roman, may, with more propriety, be applied to Mr. Goldie :

“His life was gentle ; and the elements
So mixed in him, that Nature might stand up
And say to all the world, ‘This is a man.’ ”

Hans Anderson has beautifully said that
“Every man's life is a fairy-tale written by
God's fingers.” God is speaking to us through

every life that is lived, but especially the useful and helpful lives. Yet, it is often true that

“Men deal with life as children with their play,

Who first misuse, then cast their toys away.”

The Scandinavians have a very impressive allegory of human life. They call it “Igdrasil,” or tree of existence, whose roots grow deep down in the soil of the mysteries of being, while the trunk reaches and pierces the clouds, and the branches spread out over the world. At the foot of the tree are the past, the present and the future, watering its roots. The boughs of the tree are principles; the fibres are thoughts; every leaf is a word or deed and its shade a beneficence. The allegory of the old Norsemen suggest the grandeur of life. Mr. Goldie’s life roots were deep in the divine heart; his spirit looked heavenward, while the influence he spread around and left behind him was a continuous blessing. We bless God for useful and beneficent lives like that of him whose death we mourn, and we should not forget

to

“Reflect that life, like every other blessing,
Derives its value from its use alone.”

THE LATE JOHN GOLDIE.

A great man has passed from among us—great not in the sense the world terms great, but great in his character. Mr. Goldie's aim in life was high, and he achieved it—to be known as an honest man. To walk through the world and to feel and to know that we have gained the honor, the respect, the trust of all men, is given to very few of us; and though Mr. Goldie would have been the first to deprecate such an idea, yet we all felt that we could do so of him in all sincerity and truth. And this was all the more remarkable for he never courted public favor. He sought his happiness in the domestic circle, not in the vapidities of society or in the trickeries or distractions of public life, and yet there was no man whose character stood so high, or whose word carried so much weight in the community, and his death will leave a blank in Galt which will not easily be filled up.



